

FORENSIC MEDICINE—Keith Simpson, M.D. (Lond.), Reader in Forensic Medicine to the University of London at Guy's Hospital, London; Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd., London—distributed by The Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, exclusive U. S. agents, 1958. 352 pages, \$7.00.

A page by page comparison of the 1952 edition with the 1958 edition shows little change of significance. Certainly not such as to warrant any urgency in obtaining the new edition to replace the old.

A number of new photographs appear illustrating points in the text, although not really significant in the overall.

A few new comments appear in the subjects of ballistics and anesthetic deaths as well as including the recent (1956) revisions of the British law on Coroner's rules, fees, homicide acts and sexual offenses.

The author of the book acknowledges in the preface that this is a "short textbook to provide a brief and essentially practical guide . . ." The book is intended for the doctor in practice as well as for the lawyer.

Many books provide much more detailed reviews of the field, but in line with its purpose this book is concise, clearly written and well organized. It is an excellent and quite reliable reference source. This reviewer has owned the previous edition and has many times referred to the volume as a ready source of key information in the field of legal medicine. To one who may have occasion to seek medico-legal information and who does not now have available a copy, the book is readily recommended.

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OPHTHALMIC PLASTIC SURGERY—Second Revised Edition—Sidney A. Fox, M.S. (Ophth.), M.D., F.A.C.S., Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, New York University Post-Graduate Medical School; Chief, Eye Service, Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital, Goldwater Memorial Hospital, and Hospital for Joint Diseases. Grune & Stratton, Inc., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., 1958. 324 pages, \$15.00.

The second edition is best resumed by the author's statement that he is including the procedures he has found satisfactory. He is trying to avoid a compend of known procedures.

The book is a text of 318 pages.

It begins with surface and surgical anatomy. It has 149 quite good black and white illustrations.

He outlines and summarizes the optimum procedure for a given defect.

In California a high incidence of malpractice suits concern the results of plastic surgery.

It would behoove any surgeon planning a plastic surgical procedure to be well informed of possible complication in lid surgery.

This book provides good practical procedures in plastic surgery but the mere reading of such a book does not make the reader a competent plastic surgeon.

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LIVING WITH YOUR ALLERGY—Samuel M. Feinberg, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of Allergy Research Laboratory, Northwestern University Medical School. J. B. Lippincott Company, East Washington Square, Philadelphia, 1958. 190 pages, \$1.25.

In 1941, the late Dr. Warren T. Vaughan, a pioneer student of allergic phenomena, published a small volume for lay readers entitled "Strange Malady, The Story of Allergy," in which he presented in non-technical language, the underlying causes and treatment of the more common allergic ailments. Since then, the term allergy has become a household word largely because of the frequent use of the term in lay periodicals and newspaper columns. Although many prob-

lems underlying allergic diseases still await solution, notable additions have been made to our knowledge of allergy since Dr. Vaughan's book was published.

In his easily readable text, "Living With Your Allergy," Dr. Samuel M. Feinberg, an outstanding authority in this field, brings the subject of allergic diseases for the lay reader up-to-date. The term allergy has been used rather loosely at times for conditions which are not due to allergic causes. He defines what is and what is not allergy, discusses the common allergic diseases and their management. Dr. Feinberg covers such well understood clinical allergies as asthma, hay fever, skin, digestive, drug and other less frequent allergic ailments. His descriptions of the causes of allergic symptoms should do much to clarify the subject and correct certain misconceptions regarding allergic conditions which are now so prevalent. The text presents a fair and unbiased appraisal of what can and what should not be expected from present-day methods of treatment.

For hay fever patients who suffer from ragweed sensitivity, Dr. Feinberg's geographical list of ragweed-free localities in various states will help the patient choose an area where he may be symptom-free.

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BRAIN TUMORS—Their Biology and Pathology—American Edition (based on Second German Edition)—K. J. Zülch, M.D., Professor of Neurology, University of Cologne; translated by Alan B. Rothballer, M.D., M.Sc., Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; and Jerry Olszewski, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pathology, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Springer Publishing Company, Inc., New York, 1957. 308 pages, \$9.50.

This is an excellent translation of Professor Zülch's monumental study of cerebral neoplasms. It starts off with a classification of the classification of brain tumors as it has evolved, then deals with the gross and microscopic appearance of tumors, their sites of election, incidence and natural history. The treatment of the subject is much too detailed for the general practitioner of medicine, but will be of value to the neurologist and neurosurgeon.

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THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CANCER—Henry D. Diamond, M.D., F.A.C.P., Associate Attending Physician, The Medical Neoplasia Service of the Department of Medicine, The Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases; Associate and Section Head of the Lymphoma Section of the Division of Clinical Chemotherapy, The Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College. Modern Medical Monographs No. 16, Grune & Stratton, New York, 1958. 179 pages, \$6.75.

The many advances in the last decade in the field of non-surgical treatment of cancer warrant the appearance of this monograph, which weighs heavily on the extensive experience of the Memorial Hospital in New York. Over half the book is devoted to conditions in which the primary treatment is medical, i.e., the lymphomas, leukemias and multiple myeloma. The remainder concerns itself with conditions where surgical treatment is primary—neuroblastoma, cancer of the lung, thyroid, ovary, breast and prostate. Included are general considerations of the disorder and surgical treatment, but emphasis is placed on the use of ionizing radiation and particularly chemotherapy. There is a summary of therapy at the end of each section. There is an appendix on intracavitary use of radioisotopes. There is an extensive bibliography to 1956. The illustrations are numerous and good. While primarily for the internist, this book will be of interest to all who deal with cancer patients.

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